

FIXR Program Q&A Document

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Question Number	Date Received	Question	Answer	RFA Section	Date Posted
1	10/7/2025	Are window replacements considered an eligible activity under this program?	Generally, yes. Energy efficiency window replacements would be an eligible weatherization project under the FIXR Program. If the building is 45 years or older, additional requirements may apply due to historical preservation requirements. See "Idaho SHPO Programmatic Agreement," appendices A and B.	Award Information, section C	10/28/2025
2	10/7/2025	Is window tinting an eligible activity?	Generally, yes. Window tinting is an eligible weatherization project. If the building is 45 years or older, the tint must be placed "in a manner that does not harm or obscure historic windows or trim." See "Idaho SHPO Programmatic Agreement," Appendix A, section 5.	Award Information, section C	10/28/2025
3	10/8/2025	Is onsite renewable generation (i.e., solar panels) eligible?	No, onsite renewable generation is not an eligible project.	Award Information, section C	10/28/2025
4	10/9/2025	Can the FIXR Program fund projects with total project costs over \$100,000?	No, total FIXR Program project costs may not exceed \$100,000. Applicants may not provide cost share. All project costs (i.e., supplies, labor) must be accounted for in the project budget.	Award Information, section D	10/28/2025
5	10/9/2025	Are appliances such as stoves and refrigerators eligible?	Generally yes, upgrade to energy efficiency appliances is an eligible project.	Award Information, section C	10/28/2025
6	10/14/2025	When will awards be made?	OEMR aims to execute subaward agreements in mid-November/December.	N/A	10/28/2025
7	10/16/2025	Is installation of new electrical panels considered an eligible project?	Generally yes, installation of new energy efficient electrical panels is considered eligible. The project must increase energy efficiency and meet local building codes or the International Building Code where applicable. The project must be installed in or located on existing buildings, not remove or trim any trees, and be appropriately sized. If the project building is 45 years or older, the project must not be visible from the public right of way; no structural alterations are made; no demolition of walls, ceilings for floors occurs; no drop ceilings are added; and no walls are leveled with furring or moved. If the project involves the aforementioned actions, permanently changes the appearance of the interior or exterior of the building, or requires historic preservation analysis, the project is not eligible.	Award Information, section C	10/28/2025
8	10/16/2025	Is program funding available for any city-owned buildings or structures?	Yes, as long as the city owns, not rents, the project buildings. Note that additional project limitations may apply if the building is 45 years or older due to historic preservation requirements (see "Idaho SHPO Programmatic Agreement").	Award Information, section C	10/28/2025
9	10/16/2025	Can program funding be used to upgrade street lights?	Yes, as long as the new lights are energy efficient, no ground is disturbed, and no trees/vegetation trimmed or removed.	Award Information, section C	10/28/2025
10	10/16/2025	Does a program-funded project need to be completed by the applicant or can the applicant hire a contractor to complete the work?	Contractors can be hired for the project as long as the contracting process follows Idaho public works requirements and procurement regulations within 2 CFR § 200.	Federal and State Requirements, sections A and B	10/28/2025

11	10/24/2025	As of 10/24, how much program funding remains?	As of 10/24, about \$200,000 remains in total available funding.	N/A	10/28/2025
12	10/24/2025	Are there any project types that are preferred?	OEMR defers to applicants to select preferred projects, so long as the projects fall within the eligible project categories, meet environmental and historic preservation requirements, and can be completed within the project timeframe.	Award Information, section C	10/28/2025
13	10/27/2025	Would an energy efficiency lighting upgrade in multiple city-owned parks be an eligible project?	Generally yes, the project would be eligible if all the parks are within the city, all the facilities are parks, and all the enhancements are the same lighting upgrades.	Award Information, section C	10/28/2025
14	10/28/2025	Is a university considered an eligible entity? If not, is partnership with a city a viable path for eligibility?	Universities and colleges are considered eligible entities. Partnership with cities is not required under the program.	Award Information, section C	10/28/2025
15	10/28/2025	What defines the "Applicant Community Population" of the FIXR Program Minimum Requirements	The community in which the applicant is located should be the listed as the community population. For example, a rural city applicant would list the population of the city. A school district located in a large metro population would list the city's population, not the population of the school district.	Application Instructions, section A	10/28/2025
16	10/28/2025	Do the Davis Bacon Act (DBA) requirements apply to the FIXR Program?	No, the Davis Bacon Act (DBA) requirements do not apply to the FIXR Program.	Federal and State Requirements	10/28/2025
17	10/28/2025	Do the Build America Buy America (BABA) requirements apply to the FIXR Program?	No, the Build America Buy America (BABA) requirements do not apply to the FIXR Program. Project costs may not exceed \$100,000 to qualify for the BABA Small Grants General Applicability waiver.	Federal and State Requirements	10/28/2025